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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

It was the worst day in Avengers history. Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch, suffered a total nervous breakdown after losing control of her reality-altering powers. In the chaos created around the breakdown, beloved Avengers Hawkeye, Ant-Man and the Vision lost their lives. Many of the other Avengers were hurt, both emotionally and physically.

Then, the X-Men and the New Avengers found themselves allied against the growing threat of the Scarlet Witch's out-of-control powers. Afterwards, most of the mutants on Earth woke up to find themselves human--without their mutant gene. Only a few hundred mutants remain, when once there were millions. The truth about what happened and the Scarlet Witch's involvement remains a secret to the general population in order to keep the remaining mutants safe from a growing anti-mutant hysteria.

Those who remember the world that Wanda created refer to it as the "House of M."

Clint Barton--Hawkeye--was reborn in the House of M, and then brutally killed a second time. He reappeared a second time as the world returned to the way it had been. He hasn't been seen since.

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NEW YORK CITY
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

SECURITY BREACH
AVENGERS MANSION
AVENGERS MANSION COURTYARD 1
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AVENGER HAWKEYE IS DEAD
MYSTERY SURROUNDS
THE FALLEN HEROES FATE

CAN I--?
OH, MY.
IS THE DOCTOR IN?
BY THE HOARY HOSTS...
SORRY TO COME BY WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, DOCTOR STRANGE.
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?

WHAT DO YOU NEED ME TO DO?
JUST BREATHE. EMPTY YOUR MIND.
YEAH, RIGHT...
JUST LOOK AT ME.
SO?
WOW.
WOW? THAT'S WHAT I GET? I GET A WOW?
CLINT BARTON, YOU ARE VERY HEALTHY.
AND YOU ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE...IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.
I *WAS* DEAD THOUGH, RIGHT?
LET'S HAVE SOME TEA.

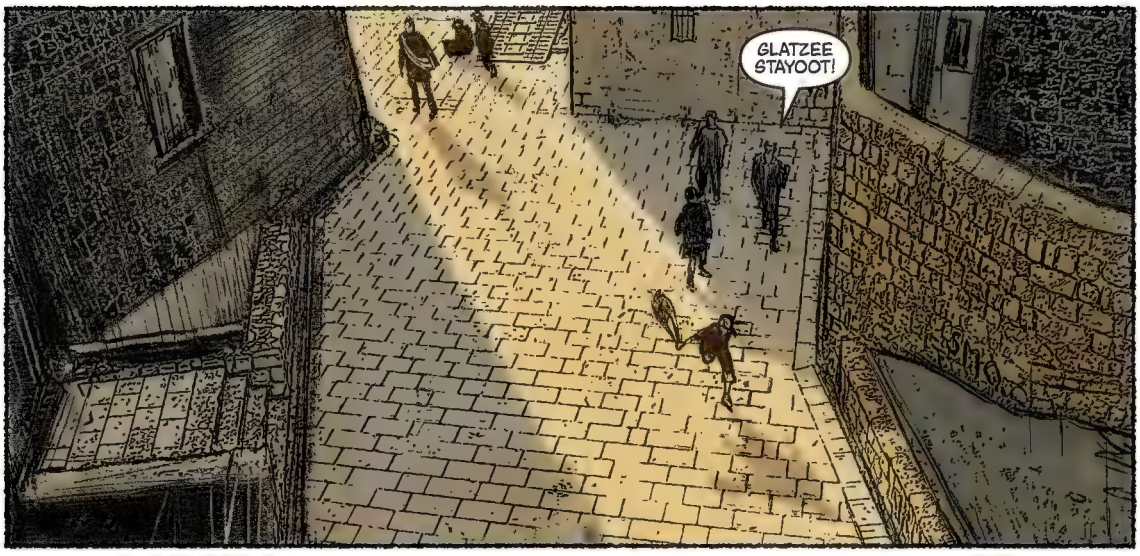
I READ THE PAPERS BEFORE I CAME HERE.
NO MORE MUTANTS, HUH?
WANDA *REALLY* DID A NUMBER ON EVERYONE.
YES.
AND SHE KILLED ME *TWICE.*
NOT ONCE, TWICE.
YES.
BUT... YOU'RE OKAY NOW.
WHERE IS SHE, DOCTOR?
I DON'T KNOW.
HOW COME I THINK YOU DO?
I'M A TRAINED SORCERER, AND YES, I CAN TRACK THE MAGICS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND FIND THOSE WHO ARE USING OR ABUSING THEM.
AND, IN THE PAST, TO FIND *HER,* I HAVE.
ALL I KNOW NOW IS SHE'S NOT USING THEM ANYMORE, SO I CANNOT FIND HER.
THIS CHAOS MAGIC OF HERS, HER MUTANT POWER--
--NONE OF IT IS OUT THERE NOW.
SHE'S DISAPPEARED.

OR NO LONGER WITH US.
KILLED HERSELF?
IT WAS A VERY... "SHAKESPEAREAN" ARC SHE TRAVELED.
SHE MAY HAVE.
SHE'S NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL.
AND YES, I DID FEEL STUPID JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE CLEARLY I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF GIRL SHE REALLY IS.
MAY I CALL THE AVENGERS NOW?
THEY'D BE SO RELIEVED TO SEE YOU.
NOT YET.

I'M NOT READY.
SOMETHING... OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING *PROFOUND* HAS HAPPENED TO ME. THIS--ALL THIS--
--AND I THINK I NEED TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT IT IS AND WHAT I'M--
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I NEED, BUT I FEEL I NEED TO SPEAK TO WANDA.
I PROMISE YOU--I DO *NOT* KNOW WHERE SHE IS.
OR *IF* SHE IS.
WHY DID SHE DO IT?
SHE'S A VERY SICK WOMAN.
HER POWER--HER MUTANT POWER--WAS TO CONTROL REALITY.
AND REALITY WAS CONTROLLING HER.
GREAT.
BUT WHY ME?
YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MUNDANE LOGIC WHERE NONE APPLIES.
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HER.
WHY?

CLOSURE.
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE IT.
IF YOU FIND HER, IF BY SOME MIRACLE--
--I DOUBT THAT WHAT YOU'LL FIND WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED.
IT MAY MAKE THINGS WORSE.
YOU MAY--
BUT REVENGE?
REVENGE IS ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY.
I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHY...
WHERE WILL YOU LOOK?
WELL, I'LL HEAD OVER TO GENOSHA.
BEING AS THAT'S THE LAST PLACE I SAW HER.
IF SHE'S NOT THERE, AND SHE PROBABLY ISN'T...

"...THERE'S WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN."
STANLAV.
OOF!
HA HA HA
STAYOOT!!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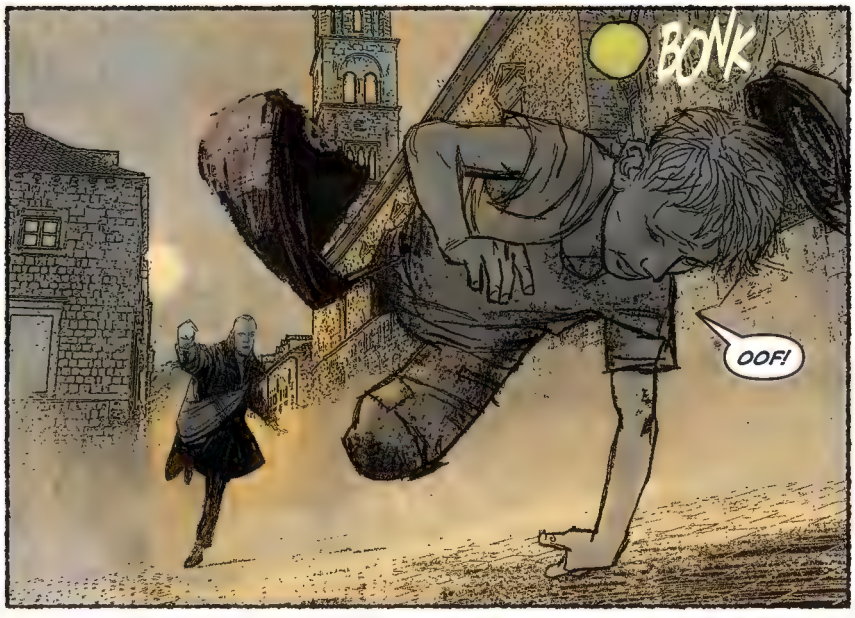
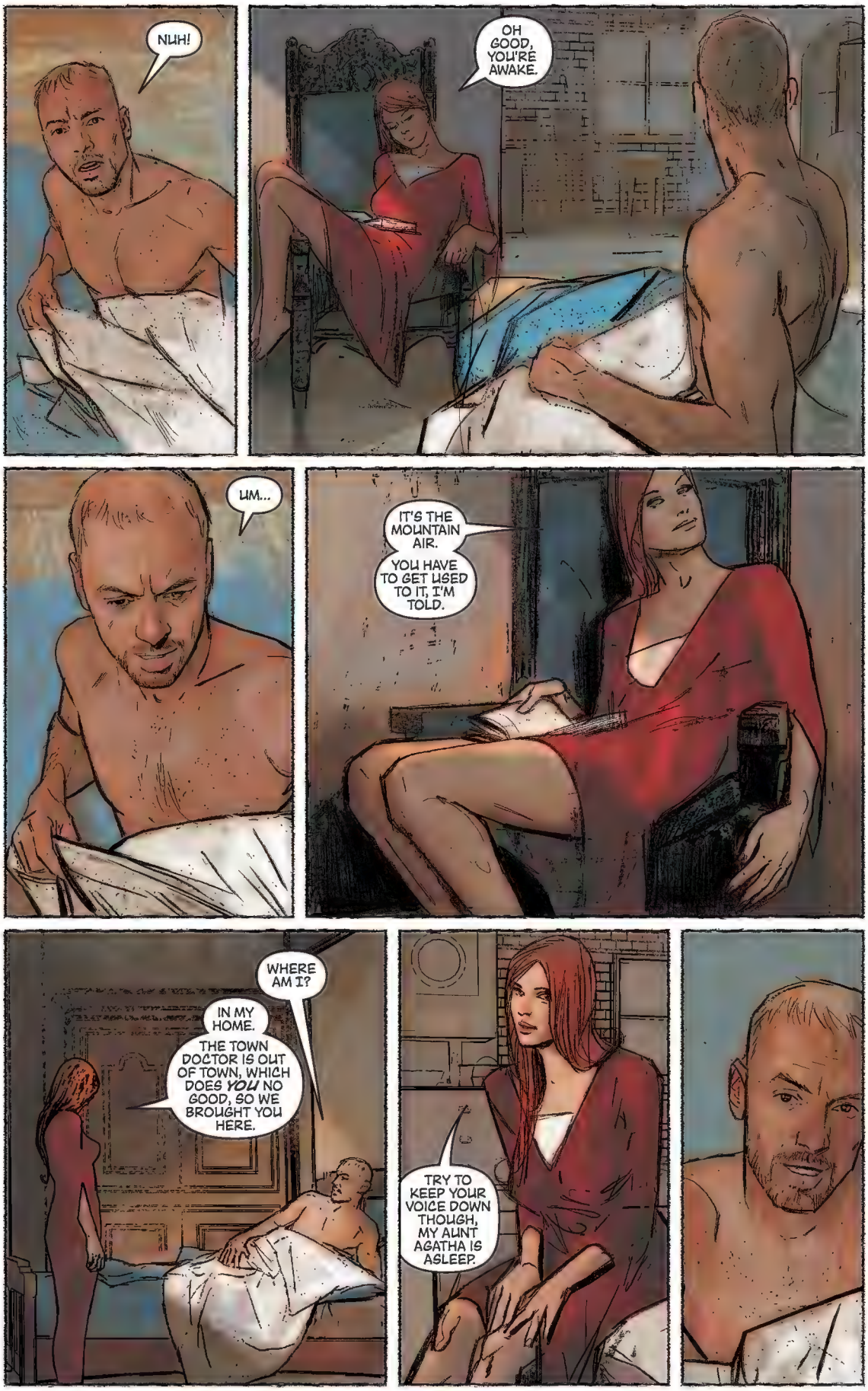
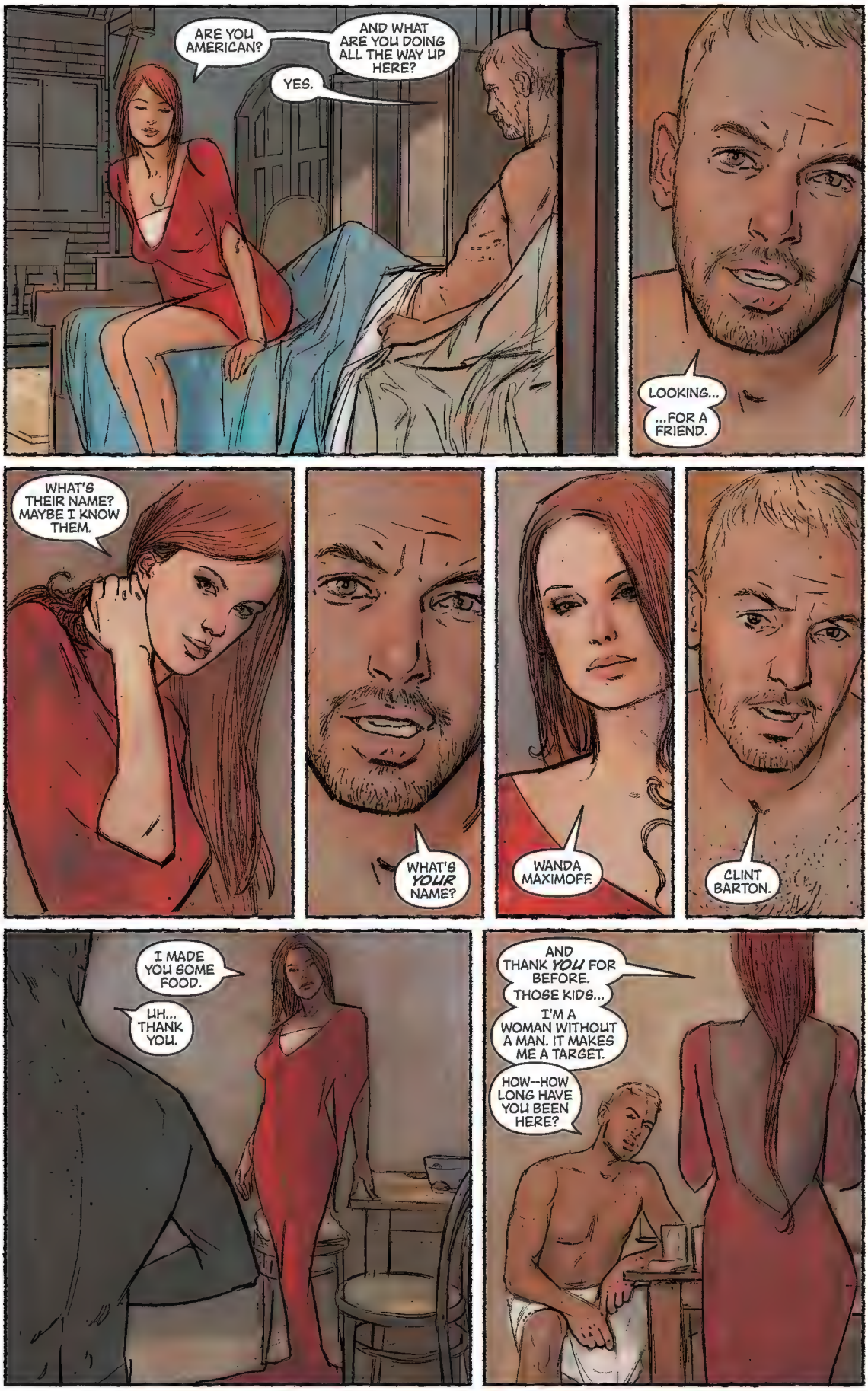
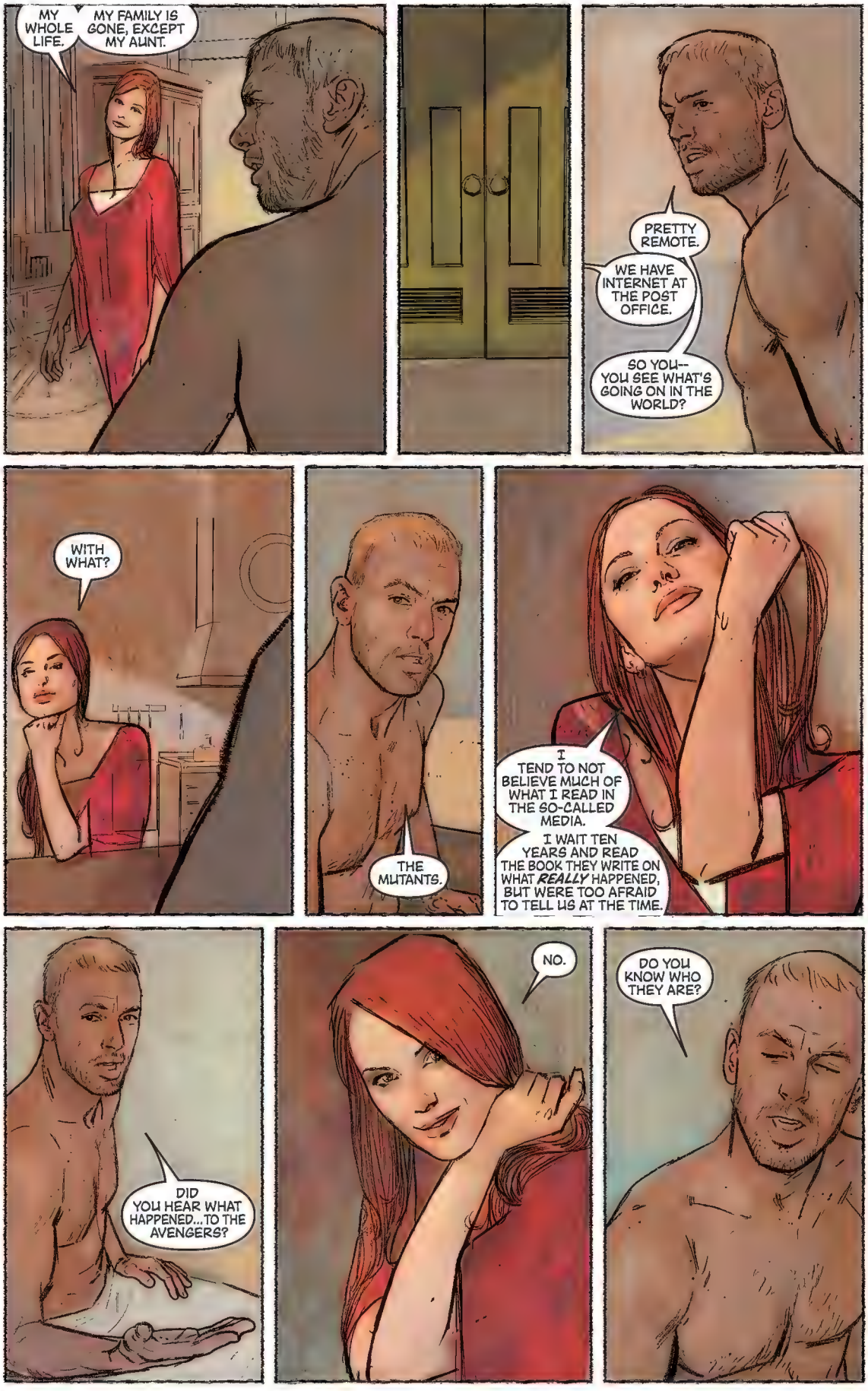

BONK
OOF!

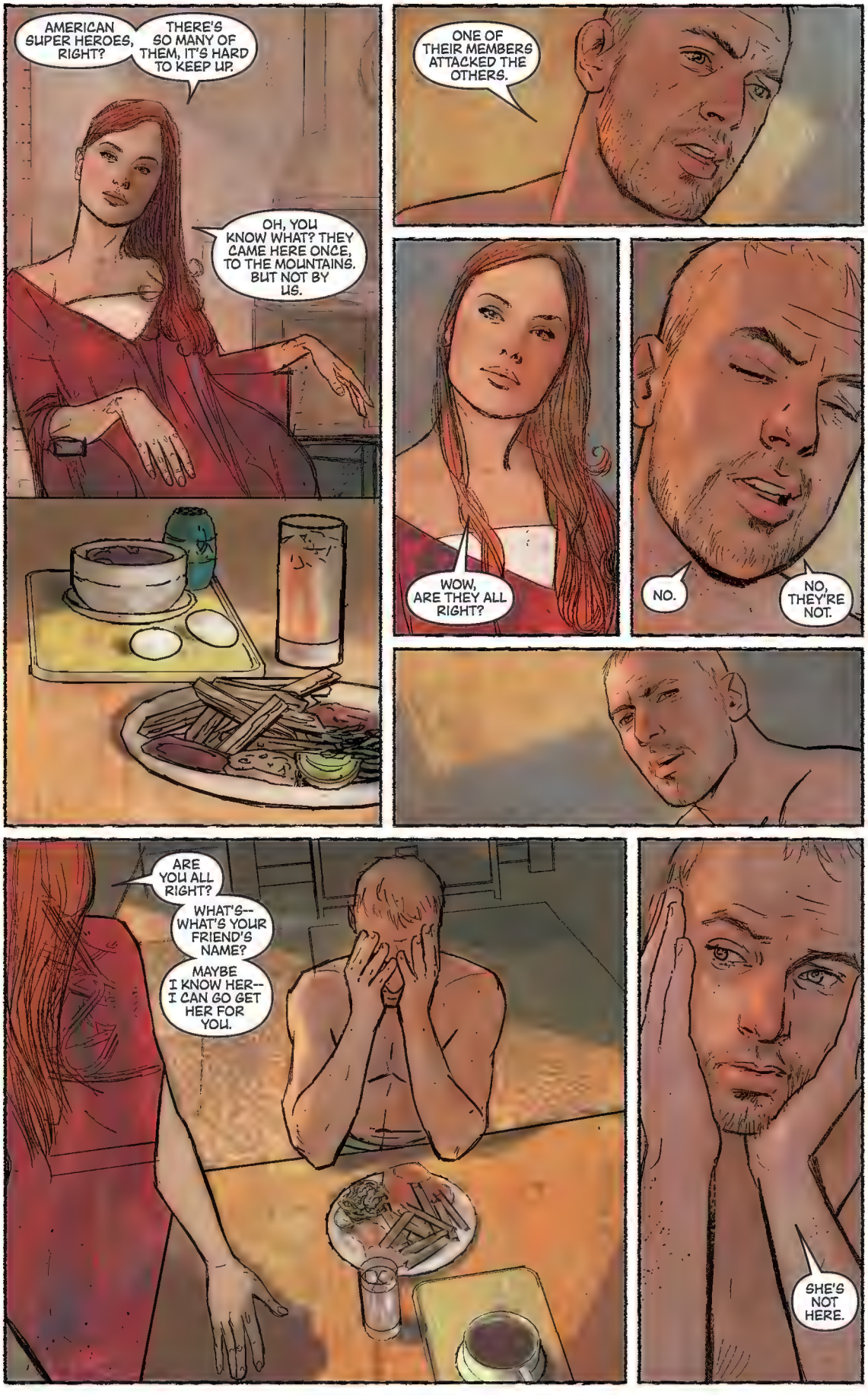
HERE YOU GO...
I KNOW YOU PROBABLY DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, BUT...
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
...KIND SIR...

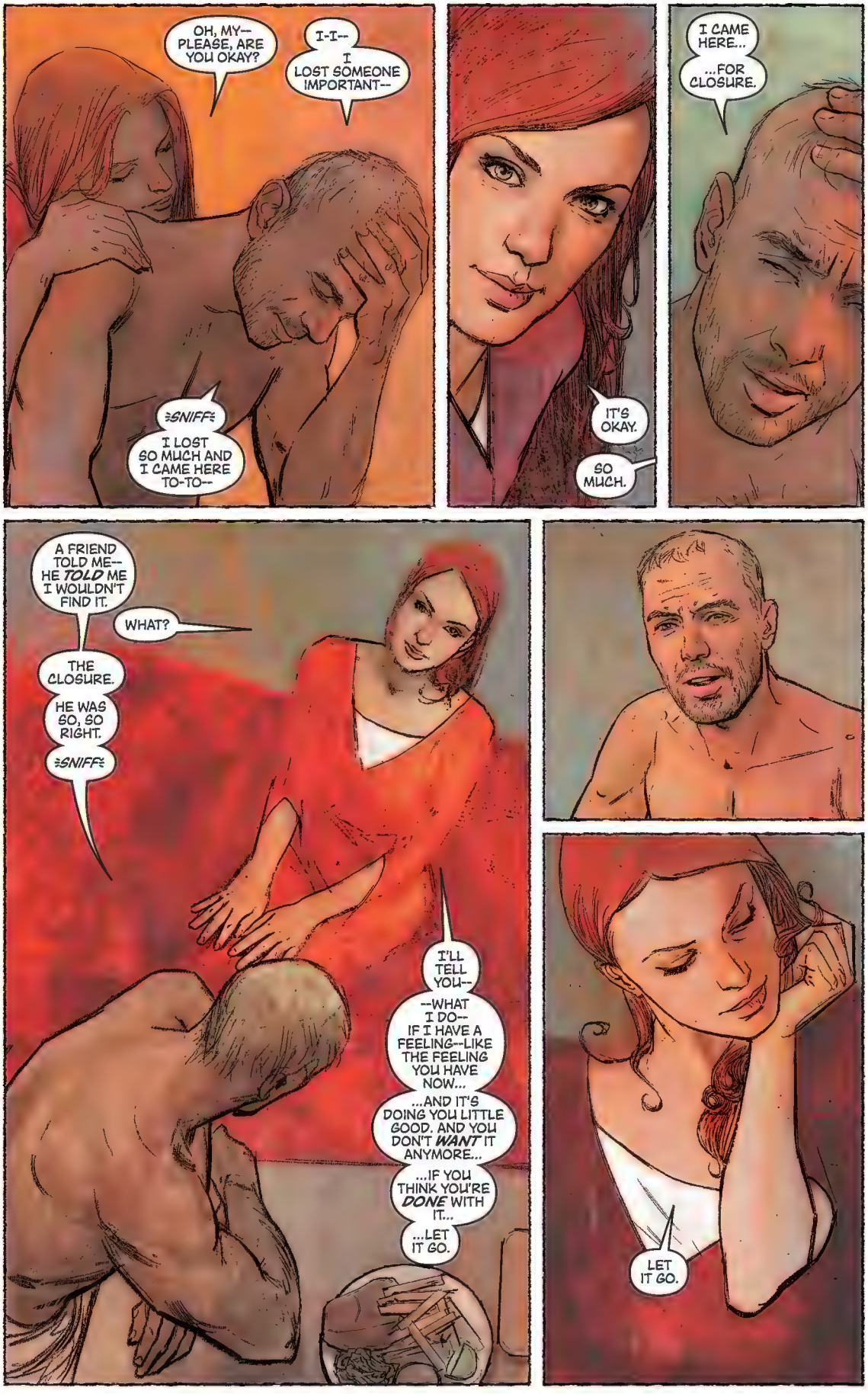
A TRUE HERO.
I-- I DU--
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M- I'M--
KALITA MISTANDE.
KALITA MISTANDE!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
OH, MY...
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE...

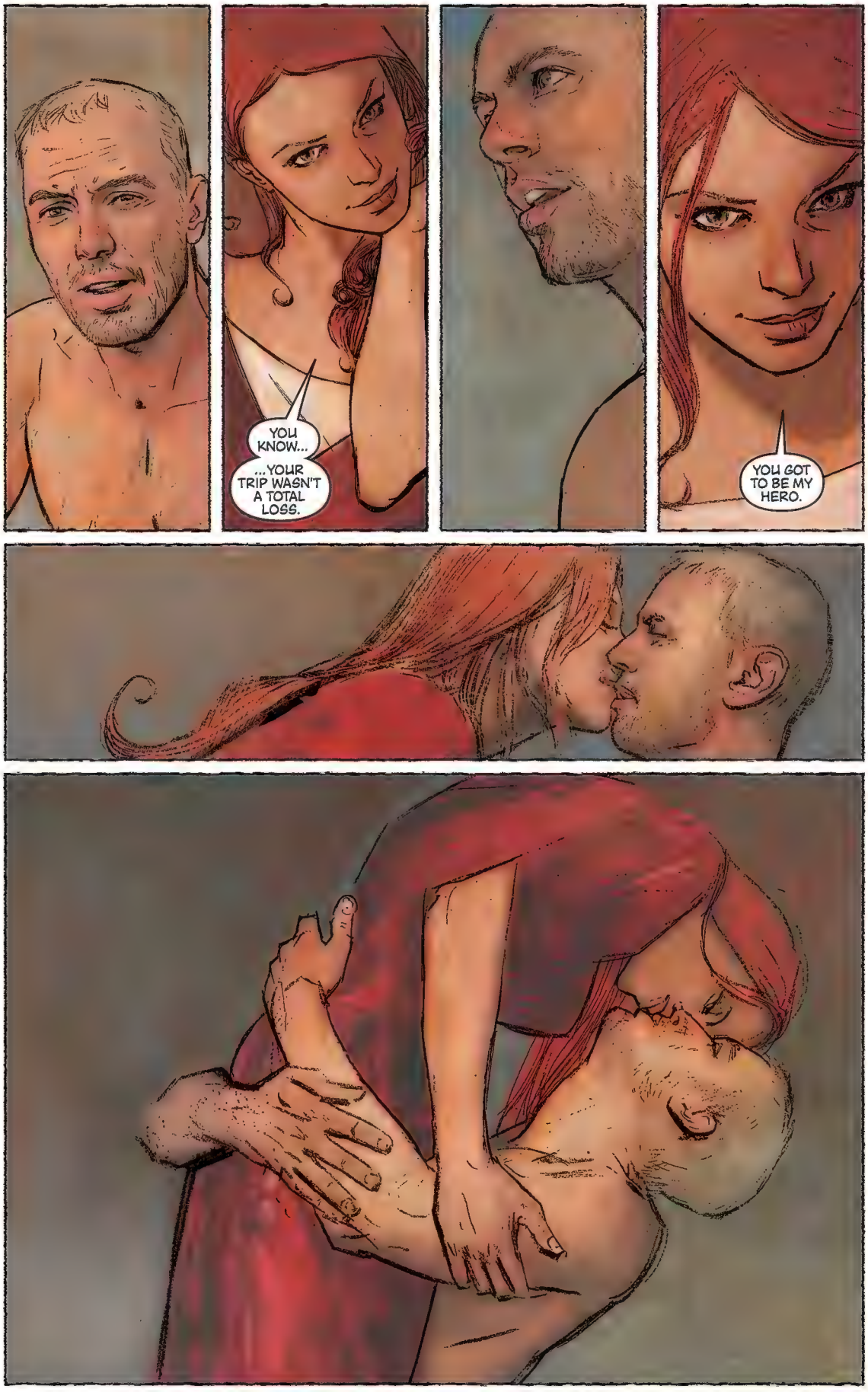

NUH!
OH GOOD, YOU'RE AWAKE.
UM...
IT'S THE MOUNTAIN AIR.
YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO IT, I'M TOLD.
WHERE AM I?
IN MY HOME.
THE TOWN DOCTOR IS OUT OF TOWN, WHICH DOES *YOU* NO GOOD, SO WE BROUGHT YOU HERE.
TRY TO KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN THOUGH, MY AUNT AGATHA IS ASLEEP.

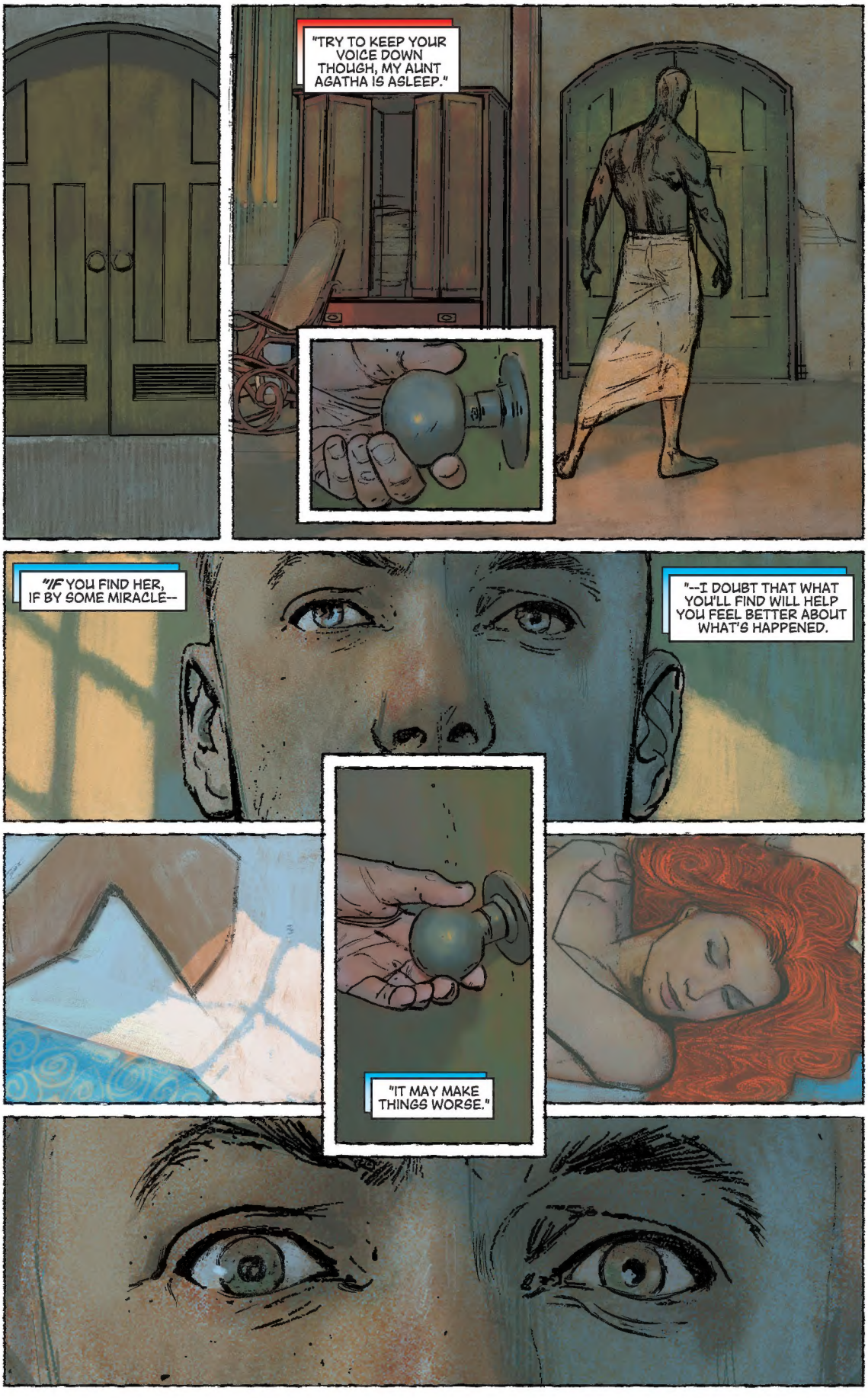

ARE YOU AMERICAN?
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY UP HERE?
YES.
LOOKING...
...FOR A FRIEND.
WHAT'S THEIR NAME? MAYBE I KNOW THEM.
WHAT'S *YOUR* NAME?
WANDA MAXIMOFF.
CLINT BARTON.
I MADE YOU SOME FOOD.
UH... THANK YOU.
AND THANK *YOU* FOR BEFORE.
THOSE KIDS...
I'M A WOMAN WITHOUT A MAN. IT MAKES ME A TARGET.
HOW--HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?


MY WHOLE LIFE.
MY FAMILY IS GONE, EXCEPT MY AUNT.
PRETTY REMOTE.
WE HAVE INTERNET AT THE POST OFFICE.
SO YOU-- YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD?
WITH WHAT?
THE MUTANTS.
I TEND TO NOT BELIEVE MUCH OF WHAT I READ IN THE SO-CALLED MEDIA.
I WAIT TEN YEARS AND READ THE BOOK THEY WRITE ON WHAT *REALLY* HAPPENED, BUT WERE TOO AFRAID TO TELL US AT THE TIME.
DID YOU HEAR WHAT HAPPENED...TO THE AVENGERS?
NO.
DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE?


AMERICAN SUPER HEROES, RIGHT?
THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM, IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP.
OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY CAME HERE ONCE, TO THE MOUNTAINS. BUT NOT BY US.
ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS ATTACKED THE OTHERS.
WOW, ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?
NO.
NO, THEY'RE NOT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT'S-- WHAT'S YOUR FRIEND'S NAME?
MAYBE I KNOW HER-- I CAN GO GET HER FOR YOU.
SHE'S NOT HERE.


OH, MY-- PLEASE, ARE YOU OKAY?
I-I-- I LOST SOMEONE IMPORTANT--
=SNIFF= I LOST SO MUCH AND I CAME HERE TO-TO--
IT'S OKAY.
SO MUCH.
I CAME HERE...
...FOR CLOSURE.
A FRIEND TOLD ME-- HE TOLD ME I WOULDN'T FIND IT.
WHAT?
THE CLOSURE.
HE WAS SO, SO RIGHT.
=SNIFF=
I'LL TELL YOU--
--WHAT I DO-- IF I HAVE A FEELING--LIKE THE FEELING YOU HAVE NOW...
...AND IT'S DOING YOU LITTLE GOOD. AND YOU DON'T WANT IT ANYMORE...
...IF YOU THINK YOU'RE DONE WITH IT...
...LET IT GO.
LET IT GO.


YOU KNOW...
...YOUR TRIP WASN'T A TOTAL LOSS.
YOU GOT TO BE MY HERO.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